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Mr. Ray Rouse
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Dear Ray:

Here is the count on a number of edge readings. Clearly, the number of obverse edge readings is more than might be found from a random selection. However, there is more than one possible explanation for this. More about that later, but I thought you would like to have these results now for your research.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosure

Just sent (first)
sheet

Obverse and Reverse Edge Read Survey

Variety	Obverse Edge Read	Reverse Edge Read	Missing Edge Letters
93 C1	2		1
93 C2	2		
93 C3	2	1	
93 C4	1	1	
94 C1a	1	1	1
94 C1b		1	
94 C2a	2	2	1
94 C2b			1
94 C3a		1	
94 C3b	1		
94 C4a	4	2	
94 C4b		1	
94 C5a	2	1	
94 C5b		1	
94 C6a	1		
94 C6b		1	
94 C7	1		
94 C8	3	1	
94 C9	5	2	2
95 C1	5	3	
95 C2	3	1	
97 C3b	4	2	

Obverse and Reverse Edge Read Survey

Variety	Obverse Edge Read	Reverse Edge Read
93 C1	✓	MISGUB
93 C2	✓	
93 C3	✓	
93 C4	✓	~~1(RSC#6)~~ 1(RSC#6)
94 C1a	✓	✓
94 C1b		✓
94 C2a	✓	✓
94 C2b	✓	✓
94 C3a		✓
94 C3b	✓	
94 C4a	✓	✓
94 C4b	✓	✓
94 C5a	✓	✓
94 C5b		✓
94 C6a	✓	✓
94 C6b		✓
94 C7	✓	✓
94 C8	✓	✓
94 C9	✓	✓
95 C1	✓	✓
95 C2	✓	✓
97 C3b	✓	✓

BE -

I don't
recall why
I have this.

Did you
want to
check some-
thing at home?
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Dear Ray:

Here are two explanations which come to mind regarding a preponderance of obverse orientation for the edge lettering.

- 1) There may have been an occasional preference for inserting the planchets into the press with the edge lettering reading up and the obverse die being the upper one with the reverse die the lower one. This apparently was the normal positioning of the dies in those days.
- 2) After having the edge letters applied by the Castaing Machine, the planchets dropped flat into the basket which contained them. This could easily have resulted in a non-random orientation of the edge lettering. This could have easily persisted when the planchets were inserted into the stack and then fed into the screw press.

All of this is primarily speculation, but I personally lean a little bit to the second explanation.

Sincerely,



R. Tettenhorst

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